

MM Docket 93-48

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The FCC's request for public comment shows an understanding of the worry Americans feel about a genuinely life-threatening cancer in American society - violence in the media.

Is there another issue you can name that has captured the attention of so many citizens? Is there another crisis short of war that could have driven so many groups to take a stand? Scan this partial list of national organizations that have publicly stated their support for a reduction in violence and vulgarity on TV:

- The American Medical Association
- The American Medical Alliance
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The American Psychological Association
- The American Psychiatric Association
- The Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- The American Nurses Association
- The American Academy of Nursing
- The National PTA
- The National School Boards Association
- The American Association for School Administrators
- The National Sheriffs Association
- The National Child Care Association
- The National Association of Social Workers
- The National Council of Churches
- The National Assoc. for Family and Community Education
- The American Family Association
- The Foundation to Improve TV
- Alliance Against Violence in Entertainment for Children
- Canada's Association for Media Literacy
- Pope John Paul II

There is an infinitely longer list of outraged state and local agencies.

If this were a false alarm - if there were serious doubt that the media's violence and prurience are nurturing a frighteningly violent society - then perhaps the FCC and the media could delay action in good conscience. But study

after study, criminal investigation after criminal investigation, and murder after senseless murder confirms for all of us that we are on a very dangerous path. Murders and beatings are dally fare; and often the cause is a violent reaction to mundane problem.

Are media executives and shareholders willing to live in suburbs like those in South Africa, surrounded by high walls topped with concertina wire, in order to make the extra dollars that violent shows generate? Are they and we willing to see our political and social systems fall, because our citizenry believes more in violent responses than in our political and judicial systems?

It is said that there is even honor among thieves. Surely there is enough honor in the media industry to form agreements to promote the nation's welfare and refrain from encouraging basic violent instincts.

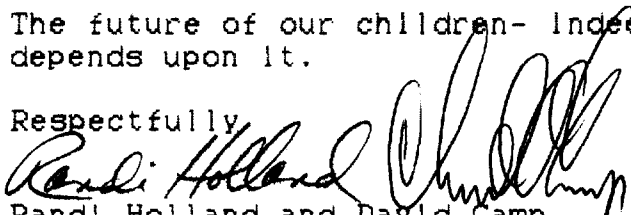
We are writing on behalf of the Academy for Family TV and the countless citizens who share our deep concern. We are a civilized, moderate community of legislators, professionals in medicine and law, educators and businessmen, parents, and proactive citizens. There is not a fanatic among us. Yet we are angry... having to control the impulses that TV, movies, and rap would encourage us to unleash.

It is past time to strengthen the Childrens' Television Act. It is past the time when defining a given percentage of the television day as children's time is enough. TV is profoundly affecting the thoughts and habits not only of small children, but of adolescents, young adults, and mature adults - all of whom show increasing hostility, bitterness, lack of faith in the nation, and violence toward humanity. Even those of us who abhor unnecessary intrusion by the federal government have reached the end of our patience.

The FCC must obtain a commitment by the TV industry to greatly reduce the violence, vulgarity, and prurience being broadcast, and hold all stations to it; or the FCC must introduce legislation to force the issue.

The future of our children- indeed the future of our nation- depends upon it.

Respectfully,


Randi Holland and David Camp
Academy for Family Television
2500 NE 65th Av
Vancouver, Wa. 98661

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Dear Mr. Stewart:

As the wife of a physician and a Registered Nurse, I am writing to express concern about the increasing violence on television here in Sacramento and in our nation as a whole.

I encourage you to support non-violent meaningful programming on primetime television. I would like to see programs which present positive messages--ways of solving disagreements and conflicts in a nonviolent way. Please present healthy entertainment and real heroes as role models for our children.

Today, October 11th, physicians and their spouses throughout the country are working on ways to SAVE Today (Stop America's Violence Everywhere). We are actively working to explore ways that our communities can address specific problems including domestic abuse, media violence, and street violence. You can provide powerful leadership in this regard in local television programming here in Sacramento.

Thank you for your attention to this most important issue.

Sincerely,

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Please support President Clinton's efforts to discourage violence on television and in the media. His leadership, and yours, can have a strong effect on the kind of programs available to our children and to us as a family.

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Sincerely,

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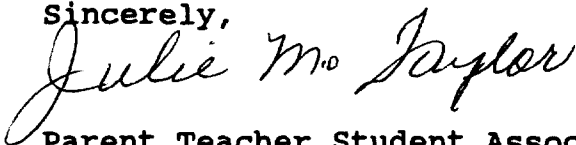
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Ms. Brenda Baker

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The attached is the requested position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints relative to future programming.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
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Regarding: "MM Docket 93-48"

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We express strong support for current Federal Communications Commission efforts to improve broadcast and cable television programming for children and families. Our respective auxiliary organizations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, represent more than 3.7 million women, 544,000 young women ages 12 to 18, and more than one million children younger than 12 years of age. We also are mothers and grandmothers.

Parental responsibility is the most effective force in guiding the television viewing of children. Nevertheless, parents need help in safeguarding their children from inappropriate and destructive television programming. The FCC should provide strict guidelines to the cable and television industry that promote decency and establish high quality television for children.

We support FCC limitations on programming that includes violence, profanity, crudeness, and immorality. The desensitizing effect of such programming is of great concern to us. Ridicule of family relationships, schools, and religions should not be tolerated. These destructive portrayals undermine in subtle and powerful ways the most important foundations of our society.